Report of the Enquiry into the causes of Fire in COD Kanpur

2029. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the authorities of the C.O.D., Kanpur has failed so far to take appropriate action over the report of the Court of Enquiry which conducted a thorough probe into the cause of fire in the year 1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in order to subvert the report the authorities now have started taking action against some innocent officers in the ranks of the forces;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what further action is being contemplated against all those who were found guilty by the said report of the Court of Enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Necessary disciplinary as well as administrative action, based on the recommendation of the Court of Enquiry, have already been initiated against the persons found guilty.

Purchase of super computer from USSR

2030. SHRI JAGADISH JANI:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union has given the specification for the super computer it has offered to India; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken to buy super computer from USSR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Soviet Union has not yet given the detailed specifications for the Super Computer, ELBRUS 3-1 it has offered to India;

(b) No decision has been taken to buy Super Computer from USSR.

Revision of extra work allowance

2031. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI ERA SAMBASIVAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that extra work allowance is being paid to the Central Government employees at the rate of the erstwhile overtime allowance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this rate has not been revised since long;

(c) if so, when this rate was revised last; and

(d) by when it is likely to be revised again if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Government have issued orders accepting the recommendations of the IV Pay Commission to discontinue the scheme of Over time Allowance in Government Offices and the modalities for implementing this decision are being finalised. In the mean time the orders contain a provision that in exceptional cases where compensatory off cannot be given for extra work done beyond prescribed working hours, over time allowance may be paid to them under the existing orders on the basis of national pay admissible to the employees in the pre-revised scales of pay/pay slabs and subject to the same terms and conditions.